

**November 16, 2012**

**Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.**

**Jackson Citizen Patriot: Photo Gallery: Adoption Day in Jackson (seven photos)**

"Jackson Day, 2, slams the gavel with the help of Jackson County Circuit Judge Richard LaFlamme as his new parents, Larry Luce and Monica Day watch during Adoption Day in LaFlamme's courtroom on Friday morning. LaFlamme was assisted by Michigan Supreme Court Justice Stephen Markman, left, in the proceedings."

[Full story](#)

**Also see:**

**Michigan Adoption Day 2012 to be held November 20; State's Celebration of Adoptive Families Now in Tenth Year, Includes 33 Counties**

[Press release](#)

**Detroit Free Press: Court denies challenge to Detroit Public Schools manager**

"A lawsuit filed this week to remove the state-appointed the emergency financial manager for Detroit Public Schools was defeated in court today. However, the case is now headed to the Michigan Supreme Court, which could finally lead to a decision over the fate of eight emergency financial managers serving statewide."

[Full story](#)

**Also see:**

**The Detroit News: Court upholds Roberts' appointment at DPS under P.A. 72**

[Full story](#)

**MLive.com: Appeals court rules Public Act 72 in effect, Detroit schools emergency manager Roy Roberts stays**

[Full story](#)

**The MiLW Blog: Court rules Roberts' DPS appointment valid under old emergency manager law**

[Full story](#)

**WDIV-TV(4)/Detroit: Activist's lawsuit to remove Roy Roberts from Detroit Public Schools struck down**

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**WJBK-TV(2)/Detroit: Court denies challenge to Detroit Schools manager**

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**Detroit Free Press: Michigan court limits U.S. Supreme Court juvenile lifer ruling**

"The Michigan appeals court has ruled to limit the use of a landmark court decision that ends mandatory no-parole sentences for juveniles convicted of murder. The state court in a decision dated Thursday and released today says a major U.S. Supreme Court decision from earlier this year should not apply retroactively to Michigan inmates who already have exhausted most appeals."

[Full story](#)

**Also see:**

**The Detroit News: Michigan court limits U.S. Supreme Court juvenile lifer ruling**

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**Note: The article also ran in several news outlets including the Battle Creek Enquirer, the Lansing State Journal, the Times Herald/Port Huron, the Daily Tribune, the Macomb Daily, WDIV-TV(4)/Detroit, WLNS-TV(6)/Lansing and WILX-TV(10)/Lansing.**

**MLive.com: Schuette calls juvenile lifer ruling a victory for victim families, but experts say case may head to Michigan Supreme Court**

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**MLive.com: Appeals Court: No resentencing for Michigan juvenile lifers, but state law is 'unconstitutional'**

[Full story](#)

**Detroit Free Press: [Federal] Appeals court throws out Michigan's affirmative action ban**

"A federal appeals court decision on Thursday throwing out Michigan's voter-approved ban on affirmative action is not the last word on whether the state's universities can use race-conscious admissions policies."

[Full story](#)

**Also see:**

**Detroit Free Press: Editorial: [U.S.] Supreme Court should reinstate voters' verdict on affirmative action**

[Full story](#)

**The Detroit News: Mich. affirmative action ban ruled unconstitutional; State vows to appeal decision to High Court**

[Full story](#)

**Bay City Times: Bay City man acquitted by jury, but gets 93 days in jail for conduct during trial**

"Though a local probationer was exonerated by a jury of the two criminal charges he was on trial for, his own behavior netted him three months in jail. The trial of Steven J. Davidson, 50, ended Wednesday, Nov. 14, with a jury finding him not guilty of domestic violence and interfering with an electronic communications device. Rather than walking out of the courthouse a free man, though, Davidson was taken to the Bay County Jail to begin serving a 93-day sentence."

[Full story](#)

**Jackson Citizen Patriot: Michigan's indigent defense system is broken, State Court Administrator Chad Schmucker, lawyers, ACLU lobbyist say**

"... [State Court Administrator Chad] Schmucker, a former Jackson County Circuit judge who still resides in the Jackson area, was speaking at a community forum at the Jackson District Library's downtown Carnegie Branch about Michigan's indigent defense system."

[Full story](#)

**Macomb County Legal News: Michigan Lawyers Chapter of ACS hosts 6th Annual Dinner**

"The Michigan Lawyers Chapter of the American Constitution Society will host its 6th Annual Dinner on Thursday, Nov. 29, at 6 p.m. at the Detroit Golf Club. The program will honor Michigan Supreme Court Justice Marilyn Kelly with the group's William Milliken Award."

[Full story](#)

**Macomb County Legal News: Court reverses result in case of dark stairs (second article)**

"A woman attending a memorial for her ex-husband was looking for a bathroom when she opened the wrong door, fell down the stairs and was injured in Monroe County. But the Michigan appeals court says those dark stairs are not the fault of the homeowners."

[Full story](#)

### **Macomb County Legal News: Motorcyclist can sue Lansing over pothole (third article)**

"The Michigan appeals court has saved a motorcyclist's lawsuit against the city of Lansing, saying a mistake in the location of a pothole shouldn't doom his case."

[Full story](#)

### **Macomb County Legal News: Judge has seen it all from both sides of bench**

"... [Judge Michael] Sapala is one of four judges retiring from Wayne County Circuit Court at year's end. The others are Judges Prentis Edwards, Thomas E. Jackson and Carole Youngblood."

[Full story](#)

**Also see:**

### **Oakland County Legal News: Retiring judge [Thomas Jackson] demanded decorum in courtroom**

[Full story](#)

### **The MiLW Blog: 8th District Court to lose judge when Husum leaves**

"The 8th District Court in Kalamazoo was one of the courts slated to lose judgeships through attrition under last spring's restructuring of the judiciary. This downsizing will be accomplished with the Judge Carol Husum vacating her seat."

[Full story](#)

### **Michigan Radio/Ann Arbor: Time limits for welfare cash assistance hit state Supreme Court**

"It's now up to the state Supreme Court to decide whether Michigan can cut off welfare cash assistance benefits to families after they reach a federal time limit. Opponents of the policy say the state should follow its own time limit adopted by the Legislature. It would allow many families to continue to collect benefits."

[Full story](#)

**Also see:**

### **WKAR News/East Lansing: Time Limits For Welfare Cash Assistance Hit State Supreme Court**

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### **WWMT-TV(3)/Kalamazoo: Portage woman takes benefits case to State Supreme Court**

"A Portage mother's plea goes before the Michigan Supreme Court Thursday, in hopes of having her twins recognized as family heirs. The Social Security Administration won't give Pam Mattison's twins their father's survivor benefits because they were conceived through in-vitro fertilization after his death. Under Michigan law, the twins had to be conceived when their father died to be considered heirs."

[Full story](#)

**Also see:**

### **Macomb County Legal News: State high court takes case of frozen sperm**

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**Can children conceived after father's death inherit under state's intestacy law? Supreme Court to consider issue of first impression in oral arguments**  
Court also to hear challenge to DHS 60-month lifetime limit on family cash assistance

[Press release](#)